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C. Subject: Rudolf RECHMAN, MRS Ernst Secret Collaborator

## Persons Involved:

1. Rudolf RECHMAN (also known as RECHMAN or RECHMAN), cover name JULIUS, born 12 April 1910, living at Weimar, Balvedere Allee 10 B
2. Ernst ZIEHLER, born 21 August 1914, Frankfurt/Main, living at Frankfurt/Main, Schenckstr 42, employed at the Hamburg-Bremer Feuerversicherungs Gesellschaft, Frankfurt/Main, Rheinstr. 24
3. Graf Johann Adolf Von KILMANSROD, personal data known
4. Werner DIETRICH, born 4 June 1912, Engeladorf bei Leipzig, permanent address at Volkach (near Würzburg), Ring Str. 52, presently living at Dingelfing bei Regensburg, Ramm Str. 160, employed as Hagger Fashner
5. Lieselotte DIETRICH, nee DANNH, born 10 February 1913 at Rehmsdorf bei Zipsendorf, DDR, married to Werner DIETRICH on 27 December 1938, living at Volkach (near Würzburg), Ring Str. 52
6. Otto, personal data known

## Developments:

We have been pressing the investigation of this case, because the information by Otto, though up till now very reliable, still has not been verified in this instance, and we wish to avoid any unwarranted damage to anyone's reputation should the charges turn out to be unfounded.

According to Otto, RECHMAN was directed by MRS Ernst to develop contact with ZIEHLER and KILMANSROD, all three of whom are said to be members of the Veterans Organization of the First Panzer Division. Otto does not know how successful RECHMAN has been on this operation, and Otto believes that ZIEHLER and KILMANSROD are unwitting of RECHMAN's MRS ties.

To clear up this matter, we have been seeking contact with RECHMAN. This we tried to achieve through DIETRICH, whose wife is a half-sister

DIETRICH while he was visiting his wife in the DDR during the summer of 1955. DIETRICH had been a member of the SS. After returning to West Germany, DIETRICH reported his detention in the DDR and refused to continue contact with the MRS. RECHMAN was sent to West Germany late in 1955 to investigate DIETRICH's status.

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We made contact with DIERICH and Otto's information concerning DIERICH was verified in every detail. However, DIERICH claimed to have no contact with HESSBACH, and refused to seek any.

In the meantime, we have located ZIEGLER, and initial contact with him has verified the fact that he is a member of the Veterans of the First Panzer Division, and he acknowledges having heard of HESSBACH, whom he claims to know as FICHBACH or FICHSCHACH. ZIEGLER further admitted having once been approached by East Zone members of the Veterans group to work for the "MGVD". This point was not pursued in the initial meeting with ZIEGLER, because it would have been incompatible with the cover used by the investigator. ZIEGLER agreed to inform the investigator if HESSBACH should visit West Germany. However, it should be noted that ZIEGLER appears to be aware of the investigator's true motives. It is hoped that this matter will be cleared up within the next few weeks.

Future Handling:

We indicated our desire to pursue this case, but we also expressed our willingness to withdraw, or to participate in a joint effort, should either of the latter approaches be deemed preferable. Troops were requested, particularly on ZIEGLER, but also with special attention to any unique capability perhaps available to achieve contact with HESSBACH.

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